

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Mitsuo OCHI, et al.

Continuation In Part Application of  
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/934,581

Group Art Unit: 3736 (Parent)

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For: METHOD FOR MEASURING STIFFNESS OF CULTURED TISSUE, FOR  
DETERMINING TRANSPLANT COMPATIBILITY FOR QUALITY CONTROL AND  
FOR PREPARING TRANSPLANT-COMPATIBLE CULTURED TISSUE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/934,581 filed August 23, 2001; the  
disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

[illegible]

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

7. (Amended) A method of determining the transplant compatibility of a tissue cultured in vitro, said method using a method for measuring the stiffness of a cultured tissue according to claim 1.

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

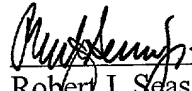
7. (Amended) A method of determining the transplant compatibility of a tissue cultured in vitro, said method using a method for measuring the stiffness of a cultured tissue according to claim 1.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

7. (Amended) A method of determining the transplant compatibility of a tissue cultured in vitro, said method using a method for measuring the stiffness of a cultured tissue according to [any of claims 1 to 6] claim 1.